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## **CCoA GENERAL MEETING MINUTES** **August 13-14, 2007** **Riverside and Rancho Cucamonga**

### **MONDAY, AUGUST 13, 2007**

#### **I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance**

Chair Esquivel called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m. at the Brulte Senior Center, Rancho Cucamonga. Commissioner Lacayo led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **II. Roll Call, Determine Excused and Unexcused Absences, Establish Quorum**

**Commissioners Present:** Ernest Ayala, Ruth Braswell, Connie Chang, Lily Chen, James Davis, Celia Esquivel, Shannon Glavaz, Erica Goode, Karen Josephson, Hank Lacayo, Richard Lundin, Sharon Monck, Cheryl Phillips, Jon Pynoos, Carlos Rodriguez, Andy Schlarlach, Hav Staggs, Donna Ueland, Leah Wyman

**Commissioners Excused:** Mike DeNunzio, Tom Rowe, Benny Yee

**Guests:** Colleen Krygier, David Wilder, Dennis Michael, Ryan Samples, Lynn Daucher

**Staff:** Sandra Fitzpatrick, Carol Sewell, Lynn Nielsen  
A quorum was present.

#### **III. Introductions**

Introductions were made by Commissioners and guests.

#### **IV. Approve Agenda**

The August 13-14, 2007 agenda was reviewed.

M/S/C (Lacayo/Phillips)

#### **TO APPROVE THE AUGUST 13-14, 2007 AGENDA.**

#### **V. Approve Minutes from June 2007 Meeting**

The minutes from the June 13-14, 2007 meeting were reviewed.

M/S/C (Phillips/Josephson)

#### **TO APPROVE THE FULL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES FROM JUNE 13-14, 2007.**

#### **VI. Public Comments**

Comments were made by Jane Godager on behalf of California Senior Legislature. She asked for donations to help with a budget shortfall of \$38,000.

## **VII. Welcome to Rancho Cucamonga by Mayor Donald Kurth**

Council Member Dennis Michael gave a welcome address on behalf of Mayor Donald Kurth, who was recovering from surgery. He spoke about the James Brulte Senior Center and Lewis Community Center. The Council Member relayed information about the demographics of seniors in the area and a continued focus on affordable housing.

## **VIII. Welcome to the Brulte Senior Center by Director Ryan Samples**

Samples welcomed the Commissioners and guests to the James Brulte Senior Center. The Center works closely with the County of San Bernardino to provide services such as Meals on Wheels to seniors in the area. The Center also offers physical fitness activities, crafts and other programs staffed by part-time volunteers.

## **IX. Presentation: Overview of the San Bernardino County Area Agency on Aging**

Colleen Krygier, Director, San Bernardino County Aging and Adult Services  
David Wilder, President, PSA 20 AAA Advisory Council

Commissioner Esquivel introduced Colleen Krygier, Director, San Bernardino County Aging and Adult Services, and David Wilder, President of the PSA 20 Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council.

Krygier introduced several staff members who were present. She explained services the local Area Agency on Aging provides, including administering adult protective services and social service programs. The mission of this agency is to assist seniors and at-risk adults with disabilities to improve and maintain choices, independence and quality of life which may allow these individuals to age in place in the least restrictive environment. This agency serves congregate and home-delivered meals and operates an employment program. Krygier explained that the AAA has many challenges including affordable housing, medical and dental insurance issues, and transportation needs. An anticipated growth in the senior population is expected in the next several years.

She said the agency is involved in several projects and goals such as elder abuse awareness, increased participation in nutrition programs, and outreach to seniors through information and assistance. Accomplishments for the Area Agency on Aging include a pilot nutrition program, disaster response planning, and collaboration with California State San Bernardino on aging research projects. The Grand Opening of the new senior center in Mentone was well attended.

Wilder is the chairman of the Senior Affairs Commission that is comprised of seven regional councils on aging, established on the basis of the county's geography, economics, and population. These regional councils oversee four service categories: access, transportation, legislation, and nutrition. Wilder described the duties of each committee.

## **X. Executive Committee Report (Commissioner Esquivel)**

### **A. Status Report: Advocacy Building Process related to SB 491 (Alquist)**

Chair Esquivel reported on SB 491. The legislative proposal may be revisited next year. The advocacy building project continues to lose momentum.

### **B. Status Report: CCoA's role in SB 434 (Romero)**

SB 434 has been amended to omit reference to CCoA and a state long-term care plan. The bill now addresses IHSS provider wages.

### **C. Proposed Meeting Schedule through April 2008**

The Commission meeting schedule through April 2008 was reviewed.

M/S/C (Braswell/Lacayo)

**TO APPROVE THE CCoA COMMISSION MEETING SCHEDULE THROUGH APRIL 2008.**

### **D. Renew Memorandum of Understanding between CCoA and the California Foundation on Aging**

The MOU between CCoA and the California Foundation on Aging (CFoA) was reviewed by the Executive Committee. Chair Esquivel asked that Commissioners interested in serving on the Foundation Board of Directors submit their names to the Chair.

M/S/C (Lacayo/Josephson)

**TO APPROVE THE MOU WITH CFoA AS AMENDED.**

### **E. Commissioner items for consideration**

1. Commissioner Wyman asked that the Lieutenant Governor be invited to speak at a CCoA meeting. Staff has been instructed to prepare a list of officials to invite to future Sacramento meetings.

2. "Fitness Forever" project

Commissioner Josephson gave an overview of the Fitness Forever program, a for-profit exercise video, that had a partnership commitment from Partners In Care to produce a five-part show for public broadcast. The Executive Committee has proposed forming an ad hoc committee to look at this proposal and the possibility of CCoA support. Fitzpatrick mentioned there may be legal restrictions on a state entity endorsing commercial programs and the use of state funds for such endeavors. Staff will pursue the Attorney General's opinion on parameters on CCoA sponsorship for programs and/or products.

M/S/C (Wyman/Glavaz)

**TO FORM AN AD HOC COMMITTEE TO EXPLORE THE CURRENT PROPOSITION AND TO REVIEW HOW CCoA ADDRESSES SIMILAR REQUESTS IN THE FUTURE.**

## **F. CCoA Annual Report 2006-2007**

Fitzpatrick presented a draft of the 2006-07 Annual Report. The goal is to have the report printed for distribution at the October meeting. The Executive Committee recommended authorization of CCoA expenditures for printing costs. It was suggested that the Annual Report be available on-line for downloading.

M/S/C (Lacayo/Ayala)

### **TO AUTHORIZE EXPENDITURES FOR PRINTING OF THE CCoA ANNUAL REPORT.**

## **XI. Unfinished Business**

### **A. December meeting/field hearing held in conjunction with the Fall Prevention Center of Excellence (Commissioner Pynoos)**

Commissioner Pynoos noted the Fall Prevention Summit was organized in conjunction with the December CCoA meeting in Long Beach. The Summit will begin December 5, 2007 and the Commission meeting is scheduled for December 6-7, 2007. The agenda for the Conference will include continuing education, plans for the future, etc.

### **B. CCoA Operational Plan for 2007–2009**

#### **1. Review notes from June Retreat**

Davis reviewed outcomes of the June Strategic Planning Retreat as translated into draft Operational Plan.

#### **2. Commission Discussion**

There was discussion on whether the goal of partnering with disability organizations was focused on all disability organizations or senior groups only. The draft plan is built around statutory responsibilities and retreat priorities and provides a road map for staff on the Commission's goals. It was suggested that public hearing topics and a new format for hearings may lead to stronger recommendations. Public hearing topics can be varied; a draft list of possible topics may be available for review at the October meeting. Topics may lead to potential advocacy opportunities or policy recommendations in the form of White Paper. Commission may choose to assign hearing distillation to the committee(s) with the appropriate focus.

#### **3. Approval of Plan**

M/S/C/ (Schalarch/Monck)

### **TO AMEND OBJECTIVE 4 TO INCORPORATE FLEXIBILITY IN HEARING TOPIC SELECTIONS.**

The wording of the preamble, twice referencing CCoA as "the principal advocate" for older adults was discussed. The quote references CCoA's designation as the principal State advocate for older Californians as defined in Welfare and Institutions Code.

M/S/C (Lundin/Rodriguez)

**TO AMEND THE PREAMBLE TO REFERENCE CCoA'S COMMITMENT TO PARTNERSHIP WITH OTHER SENIOR ADVOCACY ORGANIZATIONS.**

M/S/C (Ayala/Lacayo)

**TO ADOPT THE CCoA OPERATIONAL PLAN FOR 2007-2009 AS AMENDED.**

Davis thanked staff for work on Operational Plan.

**XII. Recess until 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, August 14, 2007**

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 14, 2007**

**XIII. Call to Order (Commissioner Esquivel)**

Chair Esquivel called the meeting to order at 9:20 a.m. at Mission Inn, Riverside.

**XIV. Working Breakfast**

**A. Advocacy & Policy Committee Report and Recommendations (Commissioner Lacayo)**

Commissioner Lacayo reported on the Advocacy & Policy legislative recommendations.

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| 1. AB 2 Dymally                             | WATCH. Approved.             |
| 2. AB 8 Nuñez (Perata, Principal Co-Author) | WATCH. Approved.             |
| 3. SB 840 (Kuehl)                           | WATCH. Approved.             |
| 4. AB 979 – Price                           | SUPPORT. Approved.           |
| 5. SB 434 – Romero (amended)                | SUPPORT. Approved.           |
| 6. SB 692 – Ashburn                         | SUPPORT. Approved.           |
| 7. SB 867 – Ridley-Thomas                   | WATCH. Approved.             |
| 8. SB 868 – Ridley-Thomas                   | SUPPORT. Approved.           |
| 9. AB 537 – Swanson                         | SUPPORT. Approved.           |
| 11. SB 977 – Correa                         | No Action Taken.             |
| 12. AB 55 – Dymally                         | SUPPORT WITHDRAWN. Approved. |
| 13. AB 1526 – Lieber                        | Renew Support. Approved      |

The Commission was asked to submit future field hearing topics to staff for consideration at the October meeting.

**B. Strategic Plan on Aging Monitoring Committee Report and Recommendations (Commissioners Josephson and Scharlach)**

Commissioner Josephson reported on a plan to prepare an executive summary for the SB 910 Progress Report for Commissioners to take on visits to appointing authorities in October.

M/S/C (Ayala/Monck)

**TO APPROVE THE STRATEGIC PLAN COMMITTEE REPORT.**

### **C. Executive Director's Report**

Fitzpatrick referred the Commissioners to her report in the agenda packet. She thanked the Commissioners for comments on the Operational Plan. Several Commissioners have reviewed the Annual Report and offered input. Financial statements indicate a carryover of \$2,000 from FY 2006-07. Goode questioned who the Commission appeals to when there is an increase in operating funds needed. Fitzpatrick explained that requested budget increases need to be approved by the Department of Finance; however, when there is a carryover from the previous year, a request for an increase would not likely be granted.

Fitzpatrick said that because the State budget had not yet been signed, submitted travel expense claims cannot be processed.

The workers compensation audit was completed. The policy premium for staff and volunteers has been decreased.

Fitzpatrick went over the tentative schedule for the October meeting. There will be a 10:00 a.m. public meeting on transitional care with Assembly Member Berg at the Capitol. The remainder of the Commission meeting will be held at the AARP State Office.

## **XV. New Business**

### **A. Standing Rules Revision**

Commissioner Staggs reviewed the proposed Standing Rules revision to establish a process whereby a committee without a quorum could meet, have discussion, and report back to the commission.

M/S/C (Staggs/Lacayo)

**TO AUTHORIZE REVISIONS TO ARTICLE 1, SECTION 8 AS PROPOSED.**

### **B. Community College older adult programs; repeatability limits**

CDA Director Daucher discussed the proposed regulation that could affect older adults' ability to repeat non-credit community college courses. Instructors argue that older adults repeat courses for reasons including social interaction, enhanced job skills, and physical activity.

M/S/C (Lacayo/Staggs)

**TO SEND A LETTER TO THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE CONVEYING THE CCoA'S OPPOSITION TO LIMITS ON REPEATABILITY OF OLDER ADULT COURSES.**

## **XVI. Commissioner Reports**

Commissioners were given the opportunity to report on their local activities.

## **XVII. Next Meeting: October 3-4, 2007 in Sacramento.**

## **XVIII. Adjourn**

Chair Esquivel adjourned the meeting at 10:43 a.m.